### *Ceramic Industry*

1211. SHRI PARASRAM MEGHWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ceramic industries functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have requested the Union Government for providing assistance and issue of licences for setting up more ceramic units in their States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The number of ceramic industries functioning in the organised sector in the country as on 1.4.96 state-wise is indicated in the statement enclosed.

(b) The ceramic industry is delicensed. No proposal has been received from Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

**STATEMENT**

| State | No. of ceramic units |
|---|---|
| Maharashtra | 3 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 2 |
| Karnataka | 2 |
| Haryana | 7 |
| Gujarat | 10 |
| Rajasthan | 3 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 3 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 8 |
| Pondicherry | 3 |
| Kerala | 1 |
| Tamil Nadu | 2 |
| Orissa | 1 |
| | 45 |

*Translation]*

### Reduction in Tariff

1212. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that if India continued to resort to reduction in tariff and other countries did not follow suit, it will not only deprive India of several of its export markets but its share in the domestic market would also be reduced substantially; and

(b) if so, the approach of the Government in the above matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Indian import tariffs are higher than those prevailing in most of the developed and developing economies. Further, reductions in the import tariffs have been gradual and calibrated taking into account the interests of the domestic industry. Therefore, there is no need for any apprehension of India losing the export markets or the domestic industry getting affected adversely.

*[English]*

### Export of Cotton

1213. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of quota for export of cotton sanctioned by the Government during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the details of quota allotted to different States during the above period and actually exported by the States;

(c) whether the full sanctioned export quota of cotton has not been adhered by various States during the period; and

(d) if so, the difficulties faced by various States in fulfilling the demand of the Union Government in the export of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) During the cotton season 1995-96 and the current cotton season 1996-97 (as on date), cotton quotas of 15.90 lakh bales and 12.20 lakh bales of cotton, respectively were released by Government to various State Federations/Corporations and other agencies for export.

(b) and (c) The details of cotton export quota released and actually exported by various State Federations/Corporations are indicated in the statement attached.

(d) Some Federations/Corporations have been unable to utilise the entire export quota in 1995-96 for variety of reasons including financial difficulties, insufficient procurement of cotton or not getting adequate buyers for their quality of cotton etc.

***Statement***

*Agency-wise details of quantity of cotton released and exported during 1995-96 and for the current year as on date*

(Quantity in lakh bales)

| | Agency/ Corporation | 1995-96 | | 1996-97 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quota Released | Actual Export | Quota Released | Actual Export |
| 1. | Maharashtra Fed. | 4.20 | 4.166 | 1.00 | 0.285 |
| 2. | Gujarat Fed. | 1.15 | 1.070 | 1.00 | |
| 3. | Punjab Fed. | 0.15 | 0.138 | 0.25 | |
| 4. | Haryana Fed. | 0.05 | 0.047 | 0.05 | |
| 5. | Rajasthan Fed. | 0.10 | — | 0.15 | |
| 6. | A.P. Fed. | 0.15 | 0.034 | 1.00 | |
| 7. | Tamil Nadu Fed. | — | — | — | |
| 8. | Karnataka Fed. | 0.05 | 0.006 | 0.25 | |
| 9. | M.P. Corp. | — | — | 0.05 | |
| 10. | A.P. Girijan | 0.05 | — | — | |
| 11. | M.P. Fed. | — | *0.089 | 0.10 | |
| 12. | Punjab Spin Fed. | — | — | 0.25 | |
| | | | *Spill over of 94-95 | | |
| | Total | 6.10 | 5.550 | 4.10 | 0.285 |

**Simplification of ECB**

1214. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have simplify the External Commercial Borrowing Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details simplification made in the External Commercial Borrowings Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) In June 1996, Government had issued a comprehensive set of guidelines on Policies and Procedures for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB), incorporating the latest modifications and the format for the application, aimed at increasing the transparency in the Policy and simplifying the procedure to give Indian Industry easier access to external funds to support investment and economic activity.

As a measure of further simplification and de-regulation for the benefit of corporates and Institutions and also to provide greater flexibility for small-sized borrowers, Government have delegated the sanctioning powers under the USD 3.00 million scheme to RBI with effect from 15th December, 1996.

*[Translation]*

**Regional Rural Banks Functioning in U.P.**

1215. SHRI D.P. YADAV :
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of Regional Rural Banks functioning in Uttar Pradesh and particularly in the rural areas of Sambhal;

(b) the amount of loan disbursed during the last two years;

(c) the percentage of such loans in comparison of total deposits in banks during the said period;

(d) whether loan of lacs of rupees has been provided in fake names;

(e) whether the Government have conducted an enquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) There are 40 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), functioning with 3035 branches, in Uttar Pradesh. Prathama Gramin Bank